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CORRECTED COPY-TEXT (PARA 3.)

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: NAKAGAWA VISIT

REF: STATE 212559

1. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT NAKAGAWA HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HAVE USHIBA ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE U.S. NAKAGAWA APPARENTLY HOPES TO BOTH BENEFIT FROM USHIBA'S MTN EXPERTISE AND STANDING IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS TO HAVE HIM DRAW SOME OF THE FIRE THAT NAKAGAWA EXPECTS TO GET FROM STRAUSS AND THE CONGRESS. SOME JAPANESE OFFICIALS PROBABLY SUPPORT USHIBA'S PRESENCE IN THE HOPE THAT HE WILL HELP SMOOTH OUT THE ROUGHNESS IN NAKAGAWA'S ADMITTEDLY OUTSPOKEN MANNER. WE TOO SUSPECT THAT NAKAGAWA AND HIS MAFF SUBORDINATES ALSO WANT USHIBA, JAPAN'S REIGNING INTERNATIONALIST, TO HELP ABSORB ANY DOMESTIC FLAK THAT NAKAGAWA'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON MIGHT GENERATE.

2. HOWEVER, USHIBA REPORTEDLY DID NOT WANT TO GO TO  
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WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER; PERHAPS NETTLED BY MAFF CRITICISM THAT HE HAS NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT RESISTANCE TO FOREIGN DEMANDS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, HE WAS DESCRIBED AS QUITE WILLING TO LET NAKAGAWA FACE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ALONE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS FINALLY PERSUADED TO ACCOMPANY NAKAGAWA ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO. HAVING AGREED TO GO, HE STILL WANTS NAKAGAWA TO BE OUT FRONT WHILE

USHIBA KEEPS A LOW PROFILE. HENCE THE JAPANESE EMBASSY'S CAUTION ABOUT ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR USHIBA.

3. ACCORDING TO MAFF OFFICIALS, NAKAGAWA AND USHIBA WILL MEET ON THE 25TH TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN THE SEPTEMBER TALKS. THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT NAKAGAWA WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR, DRAWING ON USHIBA'S EXPERTISE AS NECESSARY. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT USHIBA WILL PARTICIPATE IN NAKAGAWA'S FIRST MEETING WITH STRAUSS AND BERGLAND, PROBABLY NOT ATTEND THE SECOND MEETING, AND MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. USHIBA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONVEY REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC MEETINGS THROUGH US OR THE JAPANESE EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD SEE ALL THOSE OFFICIALS AVAILABLE TO HIM, IF HE ASKS. THESE INCLUDE, WE ASSUME, ALL OF HIS NORMAL CONTACTS ON TRADE ISSUES. MANSFIELD

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